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MEMORANDUM FOR Warrior Brigade

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 1-8, Fraternization and Improper Relationships between Soldiers of Different Rank

1. Fraternization and improper senior/subordinate relationships which prejudice good order and discipline will not be tolerated in the Warrior Brigade. I expect every member of the chain of command to understand, apply, and enforce this policy throughout the brigade.
2. Article 134 of the UCMJ defines fraternization as officer-enlisted relationships that are prejudicial to good order and discipline. AR 600-20 describes inappropriate relationships between soldiers of different ranks as those that compromise, or appear to compromise, the integrity of supervisory authority of the chain of command. Administrative or criminal action may be taken against soldiers violating these standards.
3. As Commander of Warrior Brigade, I am particularly concerned about fraternization and inappropriate relationships among soldiers within the same companies. For non-commissioned officers, there will be no inappropriate relationships, to include dating of enlisted soldiers (PVT-SPC) within their assigned companies. Similarly, any inappropriate non-professional relationships between all members in a senior-subordinate role are also prohibited.
4. Fraternization and inappropriate relationships are readiness issues which undermine units. Only by a concerned effort by unit chains of command can this potentially corrosive situation be avoided. Outstanding leadership and adherence to the highest standards are essential to maintaining unit effectiveness. I expect every leader in the Warrior Brigade to set the example in this area.
5. Business relationships between officers and enlisted personnel are prohibited except as outlined within AR 600-20, 4-14. Gambling is also prohibited between officers and enlisted personnel.
6. Dating, sexual and other intimate relationships between officers and enlisted personnel is prohibited. Marriages between officers and enlisted personnel must have taken place before March 1, 2000.